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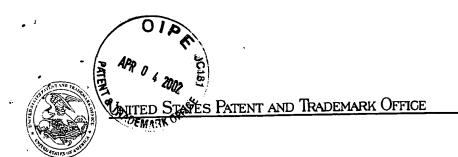
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Protective flooring unit with flap

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PROTECTIVE FLOORING UNIT WITH FLAP

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority on U.S. Design Patent Application Serial No. [0001]29/117,377, filed on January 21, 2000, which is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT

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Not Applicable.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0003]

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

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TO 1700 The present invention is generally directed to the field of flooring, and is more [0004] specifically directed to a protective flooring unit having a flap along its outer edge which enables a second flooring unit to be laid continuous with the first flooring unit so as to form a relatively uninterrupted protective floor covering that is easy to install, clean and remove if desired.

DESCRIPTION OF RELATED ART 2. [0005]

Garages, basements, utility rooms and other home and industrial work areas [0006] commonly have concrete or tile floors. While these floors can be washed or swept, it is often desirable to place a floor covering within the work area to capture spills and debris for easier clean-up and to prevent staining.

Thin plastic sheeting or tarps are commonly used for temporary floor protection. [0007] These tarps are generally resistant to stains and can be cleaned with water and detergents. Tarps are also fairly light weight so that they can be picked up and compactly folded for storage when not in use. Because they are relatively light weight and smooth, however, spilled liquid or debris tends to run off the sides onto the floor, particularly if the sheeting gets wrinkled or moved



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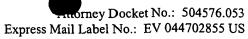
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